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Filed: January 1, 2000

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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 29, 2001, petition and payment for a three month extension of time being attached hereto, please amend as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The reaction mixture was diluted by 100 folds with sterilized distilled water. One μl of the dilution, 5 μl of 10 x Tth PCR reaction solution, 2.2 μl of 25 mM magnesium acetate, 4 μl of 2.5 mM dNTP-mixed solution, one μl of the mixed solution of 2 unit/ μl rTth DNA polymerase XL and 2.2 $\mu g/\mu l$ Tth Start Antibody in a ratio of 4:1 by volume, 10 pmol of an oligonucleotide with the nucleotide sequence of 5'CTATAGGGCACGCGTGGT-3' (SEQ ID NO:13) as a nested primer, and